Kellogg Creek Restoration and Community Enhancement Project Restoring Habitat, Creating Fish Passage, Strengthening Community, and Updating Infrastructure

Update #6

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Milwaukie (City), North Clackamas Watersheds Council (NCWC), and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), with American Rivers (AR) and project partners, have initiated a <u>multi-benefit</u> <u>project</u>. The project will create fish passage into the Kellogg-Mt. Scott watershed, restore lower Kellogg Creek and its floodplain through the City of Milwaukie, improve long-term community resiliency and access to nature, while modernizing vulnerable multi-modal transportation infrastructure. Private, local, state, and federal funding has been secured to initiate the project and conduct the necessary site assessment, alternatives analysis, and conceptual design. The project is in Phase 1.

FEBRUARY SUMMARY

Funding –

 American Rivers has continued working with ODOT and the City to draft agreements for sub-award of NOAA funding for Phase 2 project activities.

Outreach –

- The project team submitted inquiries to Union Pacific, the owner of the railroad trestle bridge that spans the impoundment, to request coordination in Right-of-Way access for geotechnical sampling and design review for railroad trestle protection.
- A meeting with Oregon Unite was held on Feb 3 to discuss community engagement in project development. Next steps were outlined.

Design –

- TAC meeting 3 was held on Feb 2 in Milwaukie, Oregon. The project framework, updates, and the conceptual restoration alternatives and alternatives analysis results were presented. TAC notes and solicitation of report feedback was distributed on Feb 28.
- o IFI submitted a Phase 1 amendment proposal to conduct additional studies, including development of a sediment sampling and geotechnical evaluation plan.
- A meeting to discuss ecological uplift created by the project was held with TAC biologists on Feb 22. Meeting notes were distributed to the TAC on Feb 28 with TAC 3 meeting notes.
- The Draft Wetland Delineation Report is being developed and will be available in March.

MARCH NEXT STEPS

- TAC feedback on the draft alternatives and feasibility report was requested at the February 2nd TAC meeting. Feedback from the TAC is due by March 14.
- A site visit will be coordinated by NCWC and attended by Unite Oregon and other community engagement and outreach coordination representatives in early March.